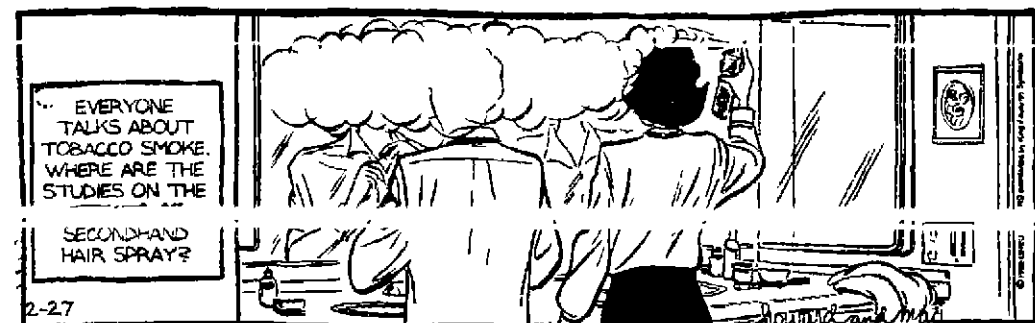


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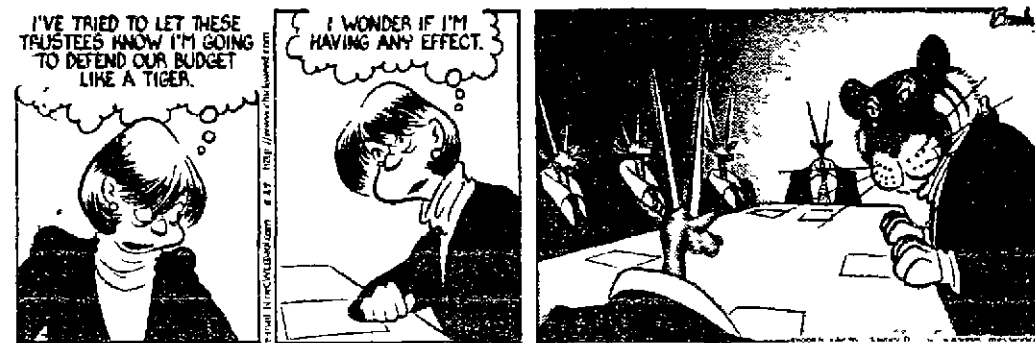
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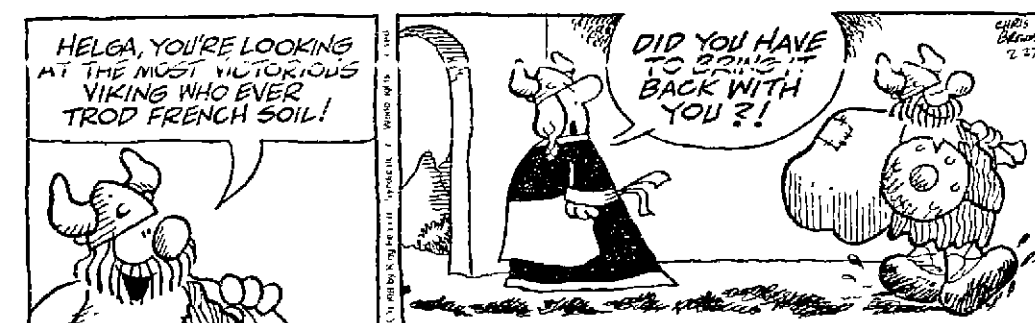
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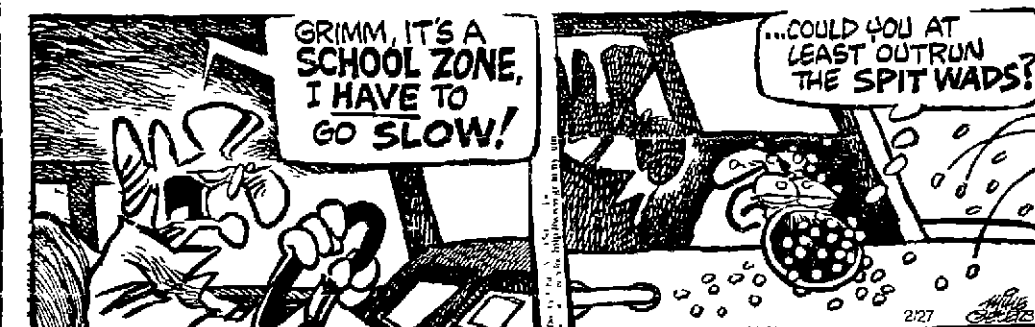
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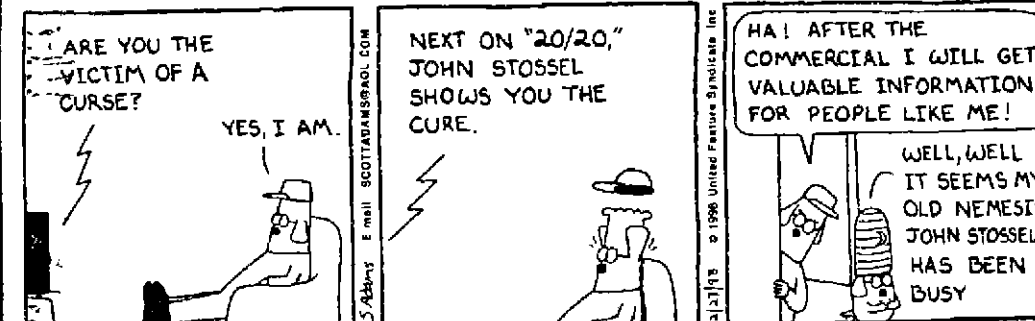
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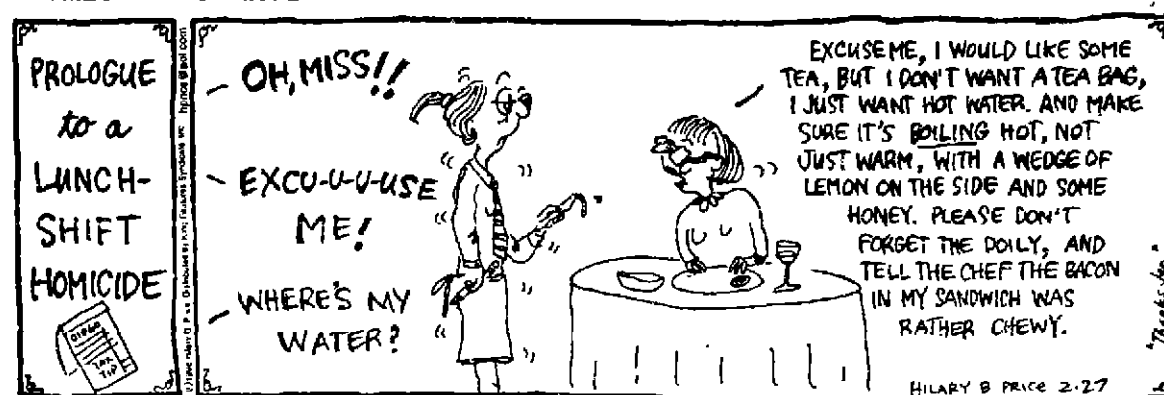
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Joanne Woodward is 68.
 Actress Elizabeth Taylor is 65.
 Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is 64.
 Actress Barbara Babcock is 61.
 Basketball player James Worthy is 37.
 Actor Adam Baldwin is 36.
 Actor Grant Show ("Melrose Place") is 36.
 Rock musician Mike Cross (Sponge) is 33.
 Rhythm-and-blues singer Chilli (TLC) is 27.
 Rhythm-and-blues singer Roderick Clark is 25.
 Chelsea Clinton is 18.

I NEED HELP



The trouble with Harness Racing.

SCRABBLE

W A U Y H R T
 Y P S B E U T
 P S H L M Y S
 G R R O V E I

2nd Letter Tap

Triple Word Score

PAR SCORE 120-130
 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
 TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 2-27-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Roulette

K S P L I E W B Y V R O L I F
 C Z W T O C O H N K I F C Z W
 U R P M G H J N E H E C Z X U
 S Q N L J A G E I E C Z X V T
 R P N S L N M S J S L H E C A
 Y W V D R C R E K N A B T R P
 N L K D R E I P U O R C A I G
 E L W O B C Y B Z X D E R T W
 U S R M P K C A L B O M G L J
 I G U E D S T O L S B L L A B
 A N Y X W U T S O P P O N L W

Thursday's unlisted clue: LITTLE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
 Friday's unlisted clue hint: SPLN BY THE BANKER

Ball	Casino	Numbers	Slots
Banker	Chance	Odds	Table
Black	Croupier	Players	Wager
Bowl	Game	Red	

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N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0116

ACROSS

- 1 Comes out
 7 Johns Hopkins subj.
 11 PC display unit
 14 Sagan's Muse
 15 So, in Sorrento
 16 Part of H R H
 17 Biblical onerocric
 18 Cuba, por ejemplo
 19 Topsy's playmate
 20 Start of a query
 23 Song of Soissons
 25 Like some bonds
 26 Fold
 27 Modern meeting place, with "the"
 29 Fixer
 30 Eastern royal
 32 Flip
 34 Middle of the query
 39 Sampler sample
 40 Alone
 42 Tintype tints
 45 Canaanite's ancestor
 47 Reproductive cells
 48 1918 Physics Nobelist
 49 Pulls strings?
 52 End of the query
 55 Tag pursuers
 56 Steep
 57 Heath family members
 60 Neighbor of ef on a typewriter
 61 Mountain in Thessaly
 62 Busy
 63 MS workers
 64 Old Pontiacs
 65 Wish undone

DOWN

- 1 Washout
 2 Detergent brand
 3 Outlaw's cover
 4 Bloc
 5 80's aerobics video star
 6 Site for a brawl
 7 — test
 8 Cheat on one's diet
 9 Sleeping
 10 Jamaican liqueur
 11 Innocent
 12 Suburb of Boston
 13 Business person
 21 What arabesques are
 22 Common childhood ailment
 23 E.M.T.'s skill
 24 Take, as testimony
 26 Ark contents

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ASHE ALIF ROPED
 TEAL COMA INONE
 BELLSHAPEDCURVE
 ENTITY ROOST
 STEER CPOB MOS
 TOR EQONE PEONY
 BAMIA MIDLER
 RIPLEY GARPE
 FLEER MIER MAU
 DER DIO ILOVE
 AEGIS SCORER
 CANDLESTICKPARK
 UNQUE INLA ELSE
 BEIGE STEM SEED

By Bobby Wolff

Today's East acted swiftly to the first two tricks. He was quick to win his spade ace to make the "obvious" shift. Fortunately, the post-mortem went at a slower pace, allowing all to recognize East's mistake. East took dummy's spade king and shifted crisply to his club nine, which rode to dummy's ace. South cashed his two top trumps and then began a crossruff. After cashing dummy's top diamonds and ruffing a diamond, he cashed dummy's spade queen and ruffed another diamond. That left him with only one small trump, but it was just enough. South ruffed his losing spade with dummy's jack and led dummy's fifth diamond to discard a losing club. East could ruff or not, it wouldn't matter. Either dummy's good diamond or South's fifth trump would score the 10th winner. How could East have derailed South's plan? Patience at trick one would have done the job. East knew he had a sure trump trick. He knew the diamonds wouldn't break, and he knew South had three spades (West's lead). Therefore, it couldn't hurt to refuse to win dummy's spade king. After East's wise duck, South's plan will fail. He cashes two high trumps, followed by two high diamonds and a diamond ruff. However, when he leads a spade to dummy's queen, East takes his ace and cashes his high trump (down two). Can South save the game if he cashes only one high trump? No. West's trump eight will score a third-round diamond overruff to beat the game.

ACES ON BRIDGE

NORTH 02 27 A
 ♠ K Q
 ♥ J 7 5
 ♦ A K 7 6 2
 ♣ A 6 3

WEST EAST
 ♠ 10 7 4 2 ♠ A J 8 3
 ♥ 8 2 ♥ Q 10 9
 ♦ 5 4 ♦ Q 10 9 8
 ♣ K J 10 5 4 ♣ 9 8

SOUTH
 ♠ C C C
 ♥ A K 6 4 3
 ♦ J 3
 ♣ Q 7 2

Vulnerable North-South
Dealer North

The bidding
 North East South West
 1 NT Pass 3 ♥ Pass
 4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Spade deuce

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